GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
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PRODUCTION OF NILACHAL ISPAT NIGAM
KUMUDINI PATNAIK

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the category and quantum of production in each category in Nilachal Ispat Nigam;

(b) the percentage of the Plant Loan Factor (PLF) contemplated to be achieved in the said Plant after its commissioning for commercial production;

(c) whether there is any proposal for diversification of product taking into account the international market on steel and whether such proposal is on the way, before the commercial production of the plant is commissioned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Blast Furnace Complex of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) was commissioned in February 2002. During 2001-02, the plant has produced 26,500 tonnes of various grades of Pig Iron and 11,300 tonnes of Granulated Slag since commissioning.

(b) There is no terminology as Plant Loan Factor (PLF) associated with an integrated steel plant like NINL. During the first full year of operation in 2002-03, NINL has projected capacity utilization of the Blast Furnace to 65% of the rated capacity.

(c)&(d): Selection of product mix is a dynamic situation and depends on market forces. In the present market scenario, NINL has also undertaken this exercise.